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14 **RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 15, 2006 OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

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16 In response to the Office Communication of **December 15, 2006**, the
17 response is provided as follows:

18 The listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

19 Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.